

REMARKS

STATUS OF THE CLAIMS


[0001] Claims 1-28, 30 are pending. The Office Action rejected Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 8, 11, 12, 14, 15, 17-28, and 30, under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Ohran, U.S. Patent No. 6,397,307 (hereinafter "Ohran"). The Office Action objected to Claims 3, 6, 9, 10, 13, and 16 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claim. Office Action mailed April 19, 2006 (hereinafter "Office Action")

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

[0002] The Applicants have amended claim 3 in independent form as suggested by the Examiner. Claims 2, 4, 9, and 10 are amended to depend from claim 3. Claim 1 is cancelled. Claim 13 is rewritten in independent form as suggested by the Examiner. Claims 14-16 are amended to depend from claim 13. Claim 12 is cancelled. In addition claims 17-30 are cancelled. The Applicants respectfully assert that claims 3 and 13 are allowable in the amended form as suggested by the Examiner and that claims 2, 4-10, and 14-16 are allowable as depending on an allowable claim.

[0003] Should additional information be required, the Examiner is respectfully asked to notify Applicant of such need. If any impediments to the prompt allowance of the claims can be resolved by a telephone conversation, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,



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